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SUMMARY: DURING CCMS PLENARY DELEGATES REVIEWED PROGRESS OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDY. REPORTS WERE RECIEVED FROM US AS PILOT COUNTRY AND FROM BELGIUM, THE FRG, FRANCE, AND UK ON THEIR RESPECTIVE PROJECTS. ONE OF SUBPROJECTS, URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT, LET BY FRANCE, HAS

BEEN COMPLETED, AND A DRAFT FINAL REPORT WAS TALLED AS PLENARY. WORK ON THE OTHER FOUR PROJECTS (URBAN TRAVEL; FORCASTING, COLLECTION SYSTEMS EVALUATION, SHORT DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES, AND LOW COST BUS PRIORITY SYSTEMS) IS NEARING COMPLETION. GENERAL SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED BY CCMS REGARDING OVERALL PROGRESS OF THIS PILOT STUDY. END SUMMARY.

1. ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY US IN 1972, URBAN TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDY WAS APPROVED BY NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY 1973. STUDY IS COMPRISED OF FIVE SUBPROJECTS (1) LOW COST BUS PRIORITY SYSTEMS (LED BY UK) WHICH IS EVALUATING DIFFERENCT TECHNIQUES FOR GIVING PERFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO BUSES ON URBAN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS: 2) COLLECTION SYSTEM EVALUATION, (LED BY BELGIUM) WHICH IS EVALUATING ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF FEEDING TRAVELERS INTO LINE-HAUL SYSTEMS AND IS CONSIDERING GENERAL APPLICATIONS OF DEMAND-RESPONSIVE SYSTEMS; 3) EVALUATION OF SHORT DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES, (LED BY FRG) WHICH IS DEVELOPING PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO USE IN CHOOSING MOST APPROPRIATE TYPE OF URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR A CITY'S PARTICULAR NEEDS; 4) URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT (LED BY FRANCE) WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPVORE URBAN FREIGHT MOVEMENTS TO LESSEN THEIR UNDESIRABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONGESTION IMPACTS: AND 5) URBAN TRAVEL FORECASTING (LED BY US)

WHICH SEEKS TO DEMONSTARTE GENERAL APPLICABILITY OF A SMIPLIFIED, INEXPRENXSIVE PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING LIKELY PATTERNS OF FUTURE URBAN TRAVEL DEMAND.

2. REPORTING ON LOW COST BUS PRIORITY SYSTEMS PROJECT, U.K. DEL NOTED THAT NEXT MEETING OF EXPERTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 14-16. AT THIS MEETING EXPERTS WILL REVIEW DRAFTS OF PROJECT'S FINAL REPORT. PROJECT IS EXAMINING WAYS OF GIVING PRIORITIES TO BUS MOVEMENTS UNDER CONDITIONS OF CONGESTED TRAFFIC. THESE TECHNIQUES RANGE FROM VARIOUS TYPES OF DEDICATED RIGHTS OF WAY FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BUSSES TO METHODS FOR ALLOWING BUSSES TO MOVE THROUGH INTERSECTIONS CONTROLLED BY SINGLE LIGHTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WHILE OTHER TRAFFIC WAITS.

3. FRG-LED PROJECT ON EVALUATION OF SHORT DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES

WILL HOLD NEXT EXPERTS MEETING IN HAGEN, GERMANY IN MAY. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WERE URGED BY FRG DEL TO ENSURE THAT THEIR DRAFT CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROJECT REPORT ARE SENT TO PROJECT LEADER BY MID-APRIL SO THAT THEY MAY BE INTEGRATED FOR REVIEW AT MAY MEETING. PROJECT OBJECTIVE IS CREATION OF COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO BE USED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO TODAY ARE CONFRONTED WITH BEWILDERING ARRAY OF VEHICLES AND SYSTEMS TO CHOOSE FROM IN MAKING URBAN TRANSPORT INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

4. FRENCH DEL, REPORTING ON URBAN GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECT, NOTED

DELIVERY TO CCMS SECRETARIAT OF BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF PROJECT'S FINAL REPORT. THIS PROJECT HAS DEALT WITH PROBLEMS OF MOVING FREIGHT AROUND CITIES IN TRUCKS. REPORT EXAMINES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MEANS FOR CONSOLIDATING PICKUP AND DELIVERY SHIPMENTS, SO THAT FEWER TRUCKS CARRY SAME AMOUNT OF GOODS.

REPORT ALSO OUTLINES WAYS OF IMPROVING ABILITY TO PLAN URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SO AS TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONGESTION IMPACTS OF URBAN GOODS MOVEMENTS.

5. BELGIAN DEL, REPORTING ON COLLECTION SYSTEMS EVALUATION PROJECT, DESCRIBED PROGRESS OF EFFORT TO DEVELOP NEW DIAL-A-BUS SYSTEM FOR BRUSSELS SUBURB OF WATERLOO. PROJECT IS EXPLORING WAYS OF DETERMINING POTENTIAL OF DEMAND-RESPONSIVE BUS COLLECTOR SYSTEMS FOR MAIN LINE COMMUTER TRAINS. PROJECT IS NOW IN ITS FINAL PHASE. LAST MEETING OF EXPERTS IS PLANNED TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS IN JUNE. DRAFT PROJECT REPORT SCHEDULED TO BE CIRCULATED TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN JULY.

6. US DEL (WALSH) REPORTING ON URBAN TRAVEL FORECASTING PROJECT, NOTED THAT DRAFT OF PROJECT'S FINAL REPORT HAD RECENTLY BEEN SENT TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. PROJECT IS DIRECTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN INEXPENSIVE AND SIMPLE METHOD FOR FORECASTING GROWTH OF URBAN TRAVEL IN ANY PARTICULAR CITY. FORECASTING METHODS EMPLOYED UTILIZE ONLY A FEW BASIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND AUTOMOBILE OWNERSHIP ON ONE HAND AND TRAVEL VOLUME AND USE OF AUTOMOBILE ON OTHER. THIS TECHNIQUE, WHICH HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVEN IN US, NOW SEEMS, AS RESULT OF FINDINGS OF PROJECT, TO BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AS WELL. NO FURTHER MEETINGS OF EXPERTS ARE ANTICIPATED. COORDINATION OF FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAIL AND CABLE.  
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